



DDD-0001

First Year B. A. (External) Examination

April / May - 2016

Foundation Course in English : Language
Through Literature

(Text : *The Joy of Reading : A Textbook for College Students*)
(New Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

Instructions :

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- (2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(3) Indicate clearly the option you attempt.

1 Answer briefly any ten of the following : 20

- (1) How did Banu resolve the issue of the dustbin ?
- (2) What did the editor say when asked about his views on Swaraj ?
- (3) What are the bangles “tokens” of ?
- (4) How did American teachers respond to questions ? What is the point the author is trying to make ?
- (5) What did the mountain call the squirrel and why ?
- (6) What is the story of Magi in Christianity ?
- (7) Who was Gomti ?
- (8) How much dollar Stephen Leacock deposited in the account ?
- (9) How does Nehru describe peace and freedom ?
- (10) What kind of the world does the poet Tagore want ?
- (11) What other blunders did Leacock commit after leaving the manager’s office ?
- (12) Why did Della take pride in the beauty of her hair ?

- 2 Write answers in detail : 20
- (1) Summarize the Reader's views on Swaraj and the Editor's counter-arguments.
 - (2) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "The Mountain and the Squirrel".

OR

- (1) Describe irony and symbolism in "The Gift of Magi" in your words.
 - (2) What are the ideas about the money madness dealt in the poem by D.H. Lawrence ?
- 3 Write short notes on any three of the following : 20
- (1) The astrologer's appearance
 - (2) Banu's decision to walk to the site
 - (3) Gangu's character
 - (4) Gopal's opinion on 'Brain drain'.
 - (5) The ending of the story 'My Financial Career'.
- 4 (a) Read the following passages and answer the questions given below : 10

All round development of man is the true aim of education. It should train not only the head, but also the hands and the heart. But our present system of education has miserably failed to achieve this aim. It suffers from many grave defects. The present system of education was founded by the British for their own convenience. Lord Macaulay was the father and founder of this system. He wanted it to produce clerks to help the British in running their administration. Today the English have gone but the same old system of education still continues. We are free but we are still slavishly following the system evolved by the British. This system of education has many defects. It must be changed and overhauled.

The greatest defect in our present system of education is that it is too theoretical. An educated man has only bookish knowledge. He knows nothing about practical things. He finds that his education has not made him fit to do any useful work for his society. The present system of education does not teach us the dignity of labour. A student is not taught or trained to do things with his hands. Manual or physical labour finds no place in education. Educated young hands. Manual or physical labour finds no place in education. Educated young men are fit only to be clerk in offices. They look down upon manual labour. They consider it below their dignity to work with their hands in fields or factories.

Vocational education is the need of the hour. We need more and more technicians, engineers and doctors. But the number of vocational institutions – Engineering and Medical colleges, Polytechnics and I.T.I's – is limited. A large number of young men and women, who can do well as technicians, are deprived of technical or vocational knowledge.

The present system of education gives too much importance to English. At many places, it is the medium of instruction. English may be an international language. It may have rich treasures of science and literature. But it can never be our national language. Education must be imparted in the mother tongue. This will save much talent of the country from going waste.

A number of commissions have been set up since the dawn of independence to plan afresh the country's system of education. After much thought, the 10 + 2 + 3 system was introduced. It was designed to divert the students to different fields and vocations according to their talent and the needs of the society. But different states have taken to it only half-heartedly. As the things stand today, the 10+2+3 system has become a riddle. No one knows what exactly it is.

Meanwhile, our education system is as rotten and muddy as it used to be. Students find it purposeless. Therefore, they feel restive and go on strikes. They take no interest in their studies because they know that after finishing their education, they will only join the army of unemployed. There is an urgent need that the present system should be overhauled and made purposeful.

Questions :

- (1) What is the true aim of education ?
 - (2) Who was the father and founder of the present system of education ?
 - (3) What is the greatest defect in our present system of education ?
 - (4) What type of education is the need of the hour ?
 - (5) Why was the system 10+2+3 introduced ?
- (b) Write a paragraph on any one of the following : **10**
- (1) Pollution
 - (2) Your Hobby
 - (3) A Visit of a Museum.

- 5 (a) (1) You are Rajveer/Ranjana Atodariya, living at B/23 Sahyog Nagar, Navsari. Imagine your younger brother/sister had recently helped an old man from being robbed by a thief. Write a letter to him/her congratulating for performing such a heroic deed. 10

OR

- (2) You are interested in pursuing a course of SCOPE in Digital Education Learning Lab in your college. Write a letter to the coordinator, seeking information about the course, fee structure, placement opportunities etc.
- (b) Do as directed : (any ten) 10
- (1) Add prefix :
- (a) honest (b) regular
- (2) Add suffixes :
- (a) mourn (b) achieve
- (3) Give antonyms :
- (a) sure (b) failure
- (4) Give synonyms :
- (a) restless (b) acquire
- (5) The students listened to Banu _____ followed her with a certain level of excitement.
(Fill in the blank with pronoun)
- (6) The older women journeyed _____ life.
(Fill in the blanks with the appropriate preposition)
- (7) If you are not clear about the meaning _____ this word, consult the dictionary.
(Fill in the blank with suitable preposition).
- (8) So she _____ (pour) herself some water.
(Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in bracket).
- (9) Give the single word to any one of the phrase given below :
- (a) Not important in a particular situation
(b) Typical representation of
- (10) He was surprised. (Change the speech)
- (11) He keeps his money in cash in his pocket.
(Change the voice)
- (12) Change any one of the following noun into verb, adjective or adverb and use the word in your own sentence :
- (a) action (b) truth.